## RICHARD A. MARTZ

Superintendent (717) 275-7575

RUTH Z. SMITH Business Manager (717) 275-7573

THOMAS C. FARR

Dir. of Curriculum and Instruction

(717) 275-7576

DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

600 Walnut Street Danville, PA 17821

**FX PARTE OR LATE FILED** 

Fax No: (717) 275-7712

January 13, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 814 Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

We are school board members from Danville Area School District in Danville, Pennsylvania, and we would like to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The discount range of 20 to 90 percent will ensure that all schools -- even the poorest -- have truly affordable access. The plan is also very flexible and will empower schools to select the services that work best for their educational mission. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is equally vital and stands to bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

At the present time, Danville Area School District is implementing a technology plan which is the result of years of research involving community members, faculty, staff and administration. We are contracted with a local Internet provider to allow district access to the Internet. The cost of this service is 33% of our annual 1996-97 technology budget. The proposed rate discounts would make our plan to update and enrich our curriculum more cost effective. Our intent to increase community education and communication will become a viable, timely reality.

As you move ahead in your deliberation on this important issue, I urge you to seize this opportunity to bring 21st century learning to our school children.

Sincerely,

Danville Area School District Board Members

In Balan

Welen a Dause

Thoug Chapman

DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Administration Building 600 Walnut Street Danville, Pa. 17821

HBG 171 21:33 01/14/97 ISS#1

THE HONORABLE REED HUNDT
CHAIRMAN
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
1919 M STREET NW ROOM 814
WASHINGTON DC 20554

01/16/97 CC96-45

## EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

November 11, 1996

Mr. Reed Hundt, Chairman, FCC 1919 M. St., NW Room 814 Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I understand that you will be making a decision on how the Telecommunications Act of 1996 will be implemented. I am writing in support of affordable telecommunications rates for our schools. Until these rates become affordable, our children will not be exposed to the opportunities this technology has to offer. Our children are already behind other countries in science and math. Without this access to telecommunications they will fall even farther behind.

Please establish an E-rate on telecommuncations services for the education community in our country.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Thomas L. Boland,

Thomas L Loland

**Pastor** 

No. of Copies rec'd\_\_\_ List ABCDE





## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

EDUCATION CENTER • 4100 Normal Street, San Diego, California 92103-2682

(619) 293-8562/8029 FAX (619) 297-5624

December 18, 1996

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, NW, Room 814 Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Hundt:

Thank you for recommending discounts on telecommunications services for schools and libraries. We in San Diego Unified School District with 130,000 students look forward to a favorable final ruling from the Federal Communications Commission in early May.

Sincerely,

Ron Ottinger

President

PCC recommendation

Board of Education

Frances O'Neill Zimmerman

Vice President

Frances ON 2

Board of Education

RO/FOZ: mer

No. of Copies recid

List ABC

Arn mable Reed HundEX PARTE OR LATE FILED Fel. Com. Comoniession 1919 M Street N.W. - Kn 814 Wash. A.C. 20534 Re: Cl Archet #96- 45
No. of Copies round
List ABCDE Dear Chairma Hurtt: Lan a recently elected school board member of the Sr. hangetown School Sestrict Hargetown New york and, I would like to thank you for your leadership + that of the frest Grand for their strong decesion Ensure that all sohools will have affordable access to the Enformation Superhighway.

erge the The & fully ladout

the recommendation of the fait found. The discount raige of 20-90% will besure that all schools even the provest - have truly offordable access. The plan is also very flegible + will empower schools to select the service that work best for their educational mession. The inclusion of discourts on internal connections + Internet access is equally notal + stacks & bring services directly to the classroom where students leave. be you know their area need con stant updating, +, also, the acm

stant updating + alor, the aim
to have computers in every classroom.
Thack you for your efforts on behalf
of our children. In each M. Stelleray